



# United States Capitol Visitor Center Weekly Construction Summary



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Inside the CVC's Exhibition Hall, workers have removed much of the protective covering from the floor stone as the area nears completion.

## **This Week – Ongoing Work – 7/16/07 through 7/20/07**

- Wall stone installation is nearly complete in the East Front of the Capitol. Floor stone installation continues at the Crypt level and is 75 percent complete. Large sandstone columns have been installed at the Rotunda level.
- Workers have completed installing all 22 custom bronze light fixtures in the Great Hall.
- Floor protection covering is being removed in the Great Hall and the Exhibition Hall (see photo above) to allow the floor stone to be cleaned in preparation of the follow-on inspection process.
- All 16 custom bronze entrance doors have been installed at the CVC entrance zone.
- In the Exhibition Hall, carpenters have completed the installation of the decorative millwork to the House and Senate cases located along the back side of the Wall of Aspirations. A flooring contractor continues installation of a raised glass floor and has completed the installation of the glass wall panels at the south end of the Hall.
- Carpet and millwork installation are nearing completion in the Congressional Auditorium.
- Masons continue laying pavers in a decorative pattern adjacent to seatwalls around the House and Senate eggs.
- Air handling systems testing and balancing is continuing in the House and Senate Expansion Spaces.
- An audio-visual contractor continues testing the sound systems for the Orientation Theaters.
- Millwork is nearly 85 percent complete in meeting rooms within the Senate Expansion Space and carpet installation and wall base molding is complete in the Senate Recording Studio. A crew continues to frame the underside of the three-level spiral staircase in the Senate Atrium.
- Carpet installation is complete in the House Radio and TV Gallery. Carpet installation is ongoing in the meeting rooms adjacent to the House Hearing Room. Painting is ongoing in corridors throughout the Expansion Spaces.
- Sod placements will continue in the Senate Egg to restore that zone to its pre-construction state.



A carpenter uses a sander to finish the ceiling trim in the south side CVC Gift Shop. A similar shop is located on the north side of the facility.

## **Next Week – 7/23/07 – 7/27/07**

### **CVC and East Front Plaza Work**

- Floor stone installation will continue within the East Front at the Crypt level.
- Workers will continue installing the glass floor and wall panels in the Exhibition Hall while an exhibit contractor continues installing interior display case components.
- Carpet, millwork and light fixture installation will continue in the Congressional Auditorium.
- Mechanical crews will continue testing and balancing the CVC's air handling system.
- Installation of wood and bronze doors will continue in several areas throughout the CVC.
- Exterior elevator stone installation will continue. Grading activities will continue on the sloping terrain near the CVC entrances to prepare the ground for sod placement and other landscaping activities. Sod placements will continue in the Senate Egg. Crews will continue to install pavers in decorative patterns around the House and Senate Eggs. The paving patterns for these areas were inspired by patterns identified in photographs from the 1890s.
- Ceiling framework is expected to continue in the House Hearing Room.
- The contractor continues millwork installation in the Senate meeting rooms located within the Senate Expansion Space.



Despite sloping 18 feet down from First Street NE/SE, the CVC entrance zones preserve the sense of procession to the Capitol and the presentation of the building.

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